

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

FROM: EDOUARD P. LAYAYE, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures

**SUBJECT: PIERCE'S DISEASE CONTROL AGREEMENT
STATE AGREEMENT NO. 03-0120**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve agreement with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for the Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures to inspect crops and nursery stock for Glassy-winged Sharpshooters (GWSS) prior to shipment to non-infested areas, from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, for compensation not to exceed \$19,903.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: San Bernardino County and most of the southern California counties are generally infested with GWSS. The State Legislature has declared Pierce's Disease (PD) and the insect that transmits it, GWSS, a significant danger to California's \$50 billion grape industry as well as other commodities and plant life. In May 2000, the Legislature created the PD Control Program in the CDFA to prevent the spread of GWSS to the non-infested regions of the State and funded research and control programs. The control program requires county agricultural commissioners in infested counties to implement surveys, control measures and inspections designed to prevent the spread of PD and GWSS.

This agreement reimburses the County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures for the inspection of shipments of nursery plants and other host commodities to the non-infested areas of the State. The Department will not perform any surveys under the terms of this agreement, as the County is already known to be generally infested. This agreement also requires the Department to utilize the enforcement protocol against nurseries that ship contaminated plants to non-infested areas.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Wayne F. Thies, Administrative Analyst) on June 13, 2003, and reviewed by the Office of the County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on June 16, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Appropriations to perform this activity and revenue from this agreement were included in the Department's proposed budget for FY 2003/04.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's proposal and recommends this action on the basis of continuing these fully reimbursed inspection services to the State and the nursery industry in the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

~~**PRESENTER:** Edouard P. Layaye, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, 387-2115~~

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